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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Duncan W. McBRANCH, et al. ART UNIT: 1634  
SERIAL NO.: 09/934,680 EXAMINER: Frank Wei Min Lu  
FILING DATE: August 23, 2001  
FOR: PEPTIDE NUCLEIC ACID BASED MOLECULAR SENSORS FOR  
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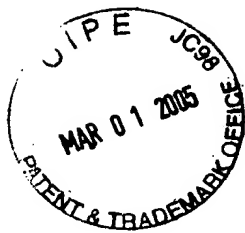
**SUPPLEMENTAL**  
**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

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Further to the "Request for Reconsideration" filed on February 24, 2005, responsive to the outstanding Office Action dated November 24, 2004, further reconsideration of the rejection therein is respectfully requested for the reasons set forth herein.

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Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

Supplemental Request for Reconsideration

Our check in the amount of \$0.00 is attached covering any required fees. In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for any necessary extension of time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to Deposit Account No. 50-1442. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a request is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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